THE SWORD INTERVAL

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Verdant Hunter...
I need to speak to Cody. Is he here?

That is *none* of your business.
Emma, *please.*

I'm going on what might be my last hunt and... let me make things right.
Cody's not here. He's at work.
Will be for a few hours.

You... let him *work* right now? At *night?*
I don't "let" him do anything!
He's an adult now, David! He can do as he damn well pleases!
Uh, Dave? Thinking we should get going...

Who's this, your new partner?

Haha he wishes!
Or do ya mean a platonic, professional hunting partner? Cause yeeeaaah guess so. Temporarily.

You're right, Emma. Cody's grown up now. He has a right to do as he wants.

And he has a right to decide for himself if he wants to see his dad or not.

Lot 0299.
The head of Zaragon, first of the Hungering Golems.
Liberated from an English vault, this artifact was the template for their famous golem regiment.
Any animating force has long-since left Zaragon, but the head still hungers.

Oh hey, that's the thingy!
Where... is the Plutonian Flame? I was certain she'd try and outbid us, or at least drive the price up.
I dunno, bathroom? Works for us. Win this thing so we can bounce.
116
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Ah!
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...I'll return in a moment, spend what you must.

Perfect for home defense or for controlling more unruly collections, when activated it will consume and dispel magical effects.
We'll begin the bidding at twentysix million...
Twenty seven.
Twenty eight...
Wait! Yun! How much do you--
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Do I hear twenty nine?
Twenty nine...
Thirty.
Thirty one.
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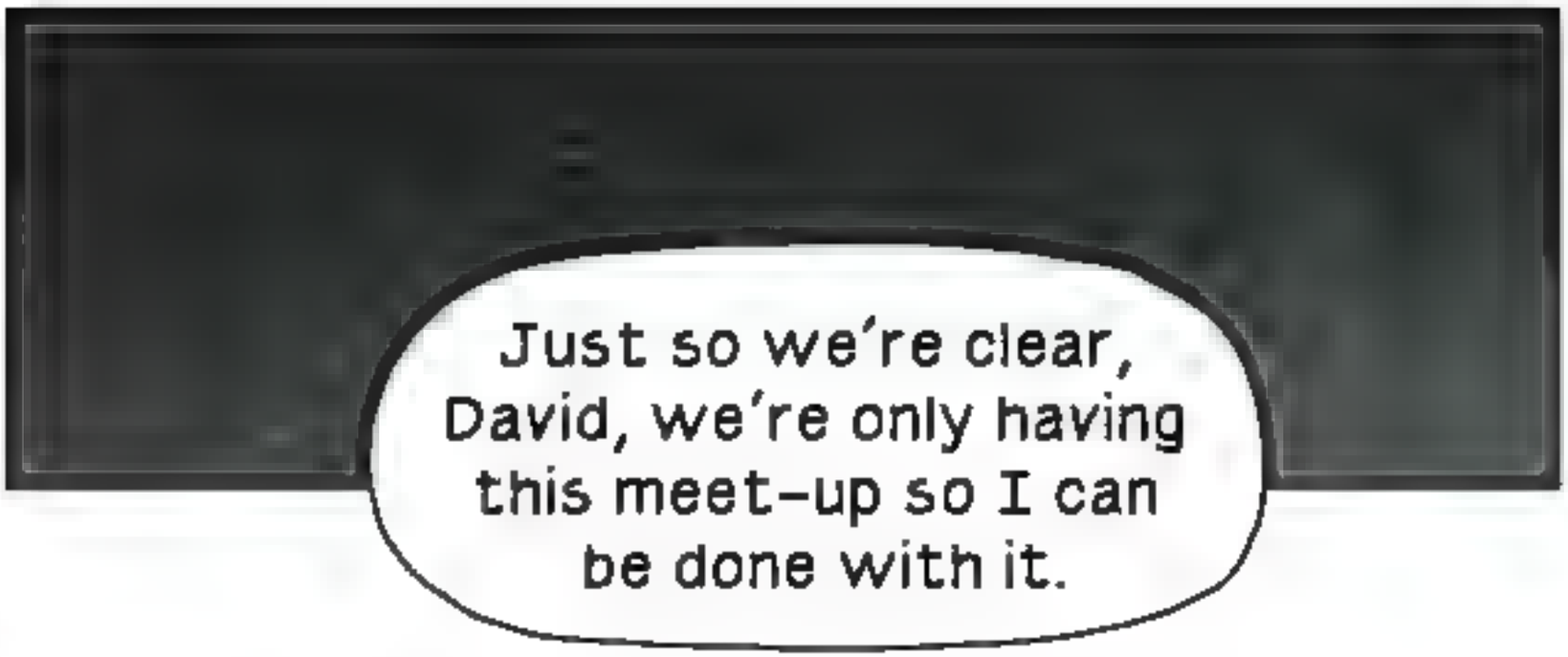
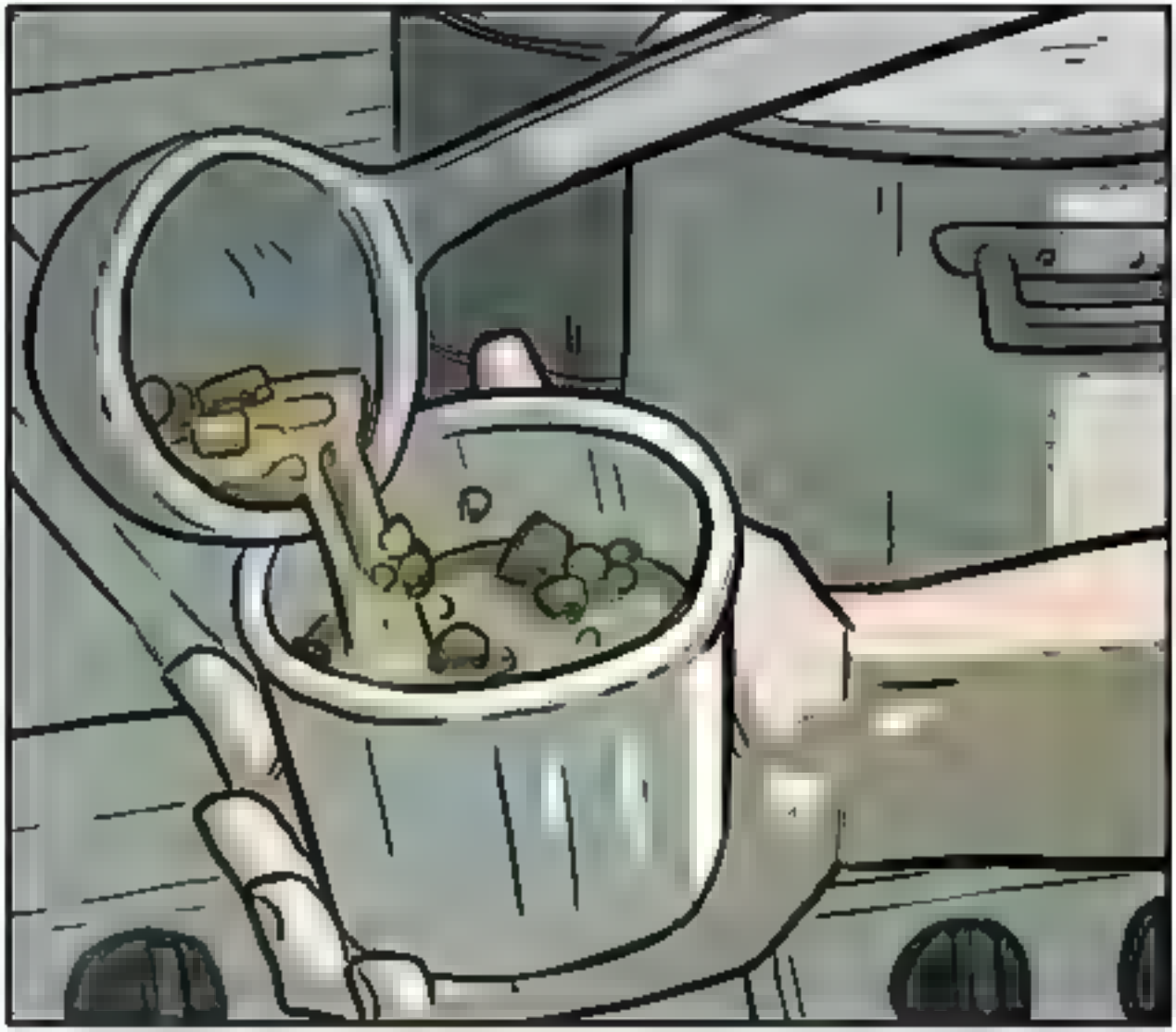
Thirty two...
Oh god.


Just so we're clear, David, we're only having this meet-up so I can be done with it.

That's fair. It's appreciated.



I don't really wanna see you at all.

But if I didn't, my stupid head would just play this meeting out a hundred times, and they'd all be bad.

This way,
I just have to
live it once.

That's... really self-aware for your age.
I'm pr-

...That instinct will serve you well. In what's to come.

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